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GREEN SIGNAL

100 new signals to be set up in city over coming months, some of these equipped to track real-time traffic

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ROCK BOTTOM

Just 1 year ago Vibhutipura Lake was restored, today silt & plastic are once again threatening to choke it

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If permission given to remove 2,174 trees for Metro corridor, what we will lose is ecosystem of 56 tree species from 22 families, reveals environment impact assessment report

BETTER BRACE FOR IMPACT

Analysis shows these trees will sequester 512 metric tonnes of carbon

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Namma metro's upcoming 10.88-km corridor between JP Nagar 4th phase and Mysore Road might lead to the loss of 56 tree species of 22 families. Given that permission is granted for removal of 2,174 trees as requested by BMRCL, over 500 metric tonnes of carbon will be added to the atmosphere.

Just as importantly, it will also lead to the loss of over 100 keystone tree species such as Peepul, Fig, and Mysore fig.

These are only some of the findings of a rapid Environment Impact Assessment report of the corridor prepared by researchers from Azim Premji University.

"We conducted the study to evaluate the effects of the proposed removal of 2,174 trees along the corridor. Our analysis shows that these trees, if left unharmed, would sequester 512 metric tonnes of carbon. An average passenger vehicle is said to emit 4.6 metric tonnes of CO_2 every year—and on this busy

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"Our on-ground analysis of this corridor shows that minor tweaks in the orientation of the proposed station and track alignment can save a large number of valuable trees. Such consideration can save 30-50% of trees

— Harini Nagendra, Azim Premji University

Like night and day

Safety rating reveals stark day-night fear perception contrast

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Bengaluru, a city with busy traffic and crowds presents a compelling contrast in perception of safety between day and night, according to recent data from Numbeo, a global database, which aggregates user-contributed safety ratings. The numbers say that the city enjoys a commendable safety rating of 62.53% for solo walks during daylight hours, but this figure drops down to a concerning 37.71% after dark.

The daylight safety rating reflects a city that, by day, is relatively secure for individuals navigating its streets alone. The markets, crowded roads, and active public spaces contribute to a perception of safety.

However, the sharp drop in safety ratings at night signals increased risks and potential dangers as the city transitions from its daytime vibrancy to a quieter, more subdued environment. Brinda Adige, representative of Global Concerns India, states that there are several key factors contributing to the disparity in safety perceptions between day and night in Bengaluru. She points to the lack of street lights on every corner, inadequate police patrolling, and insufficient public transportation as major issues. Adige said that addressing these three factors could significantly improve nighttime safety, bringing it closer to daytime levels.

Bangalore Mirror spoke to a student, who lives in a PG near Jayanagar, about

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Art showcase

Discover original artworks from an eclectic mix of a wide range of styles and mediums and experience the richness of Indian art at the 'Affordable Indian Art Show.' The show aims to break the barriers often associated with the word "art" and promises to create a space that brings together a wide variety of styles, ensuring that anyone can connect with an artwork for what it truly is.
Where: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur
When: September 13 to 15

02 Poetic eve

This time at "Tuesdays with the Bard @ Urban Solace," spend a lovely evening listening to poems from Somsubhra, for whom life is like a piece of art, with every day offering a chance for new adventures and peace. Outside of work, he loves to travel, taste different foods, and discover new places. He has a passion for old-fashioned black-and-white photography, where the lack of colour lets hidden stories come alive.
Where: Urban Solace
When: September 10, 7:30 am to 9 pm

03 Coaster painting

Unleash your creativity and join in for a fun and relaxing 'Coaster Painting Workshop' where you can express your artistic flair and create stunning, personalised coasters. Whether you're looking to learn a new craft, meet like-minded individuals, or simply unwind with a creative activity, a seasoned artist or a complete beginner, this workshop offers a delightful experience for everyone. Join in and create unique, custom-made coasters for your home.
Where: Small World, Koramangala
When: September 10 to 29

Governor to skip BU convocation today

With 158 gold medallists, 140 PhD degrees, 26,210 students graduate from BU; Gurukiran, KS Rajanna to be awarded honorary doctorates at 59th convocation

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Following his absence at the Bengaluru North University's convocation, Governor Thaawar Chand Gehlot is not going to attend the convocation of Bangalore University (BU) scheduled for Tuesday.

Statutorily, the governor is the Chancellor of all the universities in the state, and being head of the varsity, the Chancellor hardly misses the important programmes like convocations. However, the recent political developments have forced the governor to skip the convocation. BU vice chancellor Dr Jayakar SM on Monday said, "Governor Gehlot will not be attending the 59th convocation ceremony, as informed by the Raj Bhavan. In his absence, the Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar, will preside over the event."

'158 students will be receiving 308 gold medals during the event'

"In Governor Gehlot's absence, Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar will preside over BU's 59th convocation ceremony
–Dr Jayakar SM, BU vice chancellor

Meanwhile, Jayakar announced that music director Gurukiran and former state commissioner and member of the State Disability Act, Karnataka Government KS Rajanna, will be awarded an honorary doctorate from BU for their contributions to the fields of art and music and accomplishments in sports and social service, respectively. Professor Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Vice Chairman of the University Grants Commission and President of the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, will be the chief guest and deliver the convocation address.

A total of 26,210 students are eligible to receive degrees at BU's 59th convocation. Of them, 158 students will receive 308 gold medals. In addition, 79 students will be awarded cash prizes and 140 students will receive their PhD degrees.

This year, female students have outperformed their male counterparts, with 14,063 female graduates compared to 12,007 male graduates. In the postgraduate division, Annapoorna S from BU's Chemistry Department has won the most medals, earning a total of 9 gold medals. In the undergraduate division, Anuradha M, a BSc student, has also secured 9 gold medals. Ramya J, Ramya MP, and Vishalakshi YB have won the prestigious Dr BR Ambedkar Gold Medal. Preeta V and Pooja P will be receiving the Best Athlete Award for the AY 2022-23.

HC restrains 3 syndicate members

The High Court has restrained three syndicate members from participating in the university's events, including the convocation, and has issued a directive to the university. The vice chancellor confirmed that the university will comply with the court's order and that the three restrained syndicate members will not attend the convocation.

Letter seeks to ban religious displays in educational, govt spaces

A group of intellectuals have written to the state government asking them to ban religious programmes at government offices, colleges, and universities. Citing that Article 25 of the Indian Constitution guarantees the fundamental right to religious freedom, the letter encompasses various aspects related to professing, practicing, and propagating one's religion. Under this article, the freedom of religion is subject to reasonable restrictions imposed in the interest of public order, morality, and health, meaning that while individuals have the right to practice their religion, it should not infringe on the peace and harmony of others. "This right under the Constitution is a fundamental right on a personal level, and individuals are entirely free to practice religious ceremonies and worship deities in their homes, families, or private spaces. However, performing religious worship or installing deity statues in government offices, schools, colleges, universities, or any other public spaces goes against the secular principle of the Constitution and contradicts its core values. In light of this, as a step towards upholding the values of the Constitution, we urge the government to take appropriate legal action to prohibit religious ceremonies, the display of deity photos, or religious slogans in all government offices, schools, colleges, and universities," the letter said.

NIMHANS to map self-harm for safer tomorrow

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In a move to address the rising suicide rates in India, the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) is set to launch the N-SPRITE Centre (NIMHANS Suicide Prevention Research Implementation and Training Engagement). The centre, focused on suicide prevention, is a collaboration with the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Wellcome Trust India Alliance, the Institute of Public Health, and the Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences. It marks a significant step toward curbing the suicide crisis in India.

The launch is scheduled for World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10, 2024, a day dedicated to raising awareness and promoting actions to reduce suicide worldwide. This year's theme, "Changing the Narratives on Suicide," is in line with the centre's mission, encouraging new perspectives and solutions to the issue of suicide.

Growing suicide crisis in India

Suicide has become one of India's most urgent public health challenges, claiming around 1.73 lakh lives in 2022, according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). The problem is particularly severe among young people, with individuals between the ages of 15 and 29 at the highest risk. Many young adults struggle with academic pressures, unemployment, family conflicts, and social isolation, all of which contribute to rising suicide rates.

Addressing data gap

One of the key challenges in suicide prevention is the lack of data on suicide attempts, which often precede actual suicides. The N-SPRITE Centre aims to close this data gap by setting up self-harm registers in seven state-run hospitals in Karnataka, including in Bengaluru, Mysuru, and Chamarajanagar. These registers will allow healthcare providers to track and monitor cases of self-harm, offering valuable data that can guide future prevention strategies.

Key objectives

The centre will adopt a multidisciplinary approach to preventing suicide and managing self-harm. Some of its main goals include developing guidelines for suicide prevention, strengthening research and training capacities, implementing an integrated programme, evaluating impact and feasibility, and building national and global capacity.

SIGNALS IN SYNC

Green lights to 100 more signals in city

City traffic police ramp up control amid persistent traffic challenges

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In an effort to enhance traffic discipline and monitor violations more effectively, the Bengaluru Traffic Police have significantly increased the number of traffic signals across the city. While this has led to longer waiting times for motorists at junctions, particularly during peak hours, the police emphasise that the move is crucial for enforcing road safety and regulating traffic through online monitoring systems.

Currently, there are 400 traffic signals in place, and this number is expected to rise to 500 within the next six to eight months. The purpose of adding more signals is not solely to catch violators but to ensure smoother and safer movement for everyone. Without signals, managing traffic manually can lead to chaos, with motorists rushing recklessly, which compromises safety. By introducing signals, the police aim to prevent such situations.

In some areas, the signals are part of the Adaptive Traffic Control System (ATCS), which synchronises signals along corridors based on real-time traffic.

This system optimises signal timing, allowing smoother vehicle flow. For example, if a corridor has five to eight signals, they will be synchronised so that motorists hit green lights consecutively, reducing overall waiting times. While there may initially be delays as motorists adjust, this will eventually improve both traffic flow and safety. "As part of our continuous learning and adaptation process, we've conducted several studies and are always open to making adjustments. If a signal is found to be ineffective, we may consider removing it to enhance traffic flow," said Deputy Commissioner of Police (East Traffic), Kuldeep Kumar Jain.

Trendy defaulters

However, a new trend is emerging, where motorists, particularly bikers, are using creative ways to hoodwink the system. From masking their number plates to using fake or tampered ones, they are finding ways to evade detection from the city's advanced traffic enforcement mechanisms. With the police monitoring violations online, the number of wrong notices, due to either fake or incorrectly captured number plates, has been rising.

Since then, the department has initiated several special drives, focussing on prioritising motorists' safety. This action followed a surge in violations across the city. Police officials noted that, until June, enforcement relied primarily on online systems to uphold law and order. However, as this approach proved insufficient, they ramped up physical drives to more effectively curb violations.

"Until June this year, our primary focus was on automatic violation detection through Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS) cameras or evidence-based methods where officers would capture and upload images of violations, leading to the issuance of challans. However, based on public feedback and rising safety concerns, we shifted our approach in July, increasing physical enforcement on the roads to tackle the growing number of violations," Jain added.

Presence of cops vs cameras

According to traffic expert and advisor Professor MN Srihari, both online enforcement and the physical presence of police on the roads are essential.

"Simply increasing the number of signals won't prevent crime—they are just tools to manage and control traffic flow. Ultimately, to apprehend violators, either the vehicle's number plate is needed or the driver must be arrested. The problem is that many number plates are being masked or faked, which poses a challenge for the police," he said.

"The presence of police on the road is equally important, as they serve as witnesses to violations that occur. With the sheer volume of vehicles, cameras alone can't capture every violation. Recently, the police are doing a commendable job by being physically present to address these issues," he added.

Fest halted amid overcrowding

A cultural festival celebrating the tribal community from Assam, known as the Karma Puja Festival, was abruptly halted by the police in the Varthur area on Sunday due to overcrowding. The event, which had received permission from the police for a gathering of 500 people, saw an overwhelming attendance of 2,000 to 3,000 people, far exceeding the approved limit.

Concerned about the potential for a breach of law and order due to the massive crowd, the police swiftly intervened and revoked the event's permission. Despite instructions to vacate the premises, many attendees, frustrated by the sudden halt, refused to leave the site. To manage the situation, additional police forces were deployed to disperse the crowd. A case has been registered against the event organisers at Varthur Police Station for failing to provide adequate arrangements and causing a public disturbance.

Boy ends life over fear of arrest

A 16-year-old high school student from Kavaranahalli village, on the outskirts of Chikkaballapura, tragically ended his life on Friday, fearing arrest after a dispute with his neighbors. The boy, identified as Sudeep M, was reportedly distressed following an altercation involving his family and neighbours.

According to Sudeep's father, Manjunath KN, a farmer, the family had frequent conflicts with their neighbours—Ramappa, Lakshmaiah, Asha, and Srinivasa KL—over the use of the road in front of their house. On Thursday, tensions escalated when the accused allegedly assaulted Sudeep's sister while she was walking near their home. Sudeep confronted the neighbours, leading to a heated argument where he allegedly threw a brick, striking one of the accused. Enraged, the neighbours visited a hospital, obtained a medico-legal certificate (MLC), and lodged a complaint with the police, accusing him of assault and demanding legal action. Disturbed and fearful of the consequences, he has taken this step. Following the incident, the police have registered a case of abetment to suicide against the neighbours who fled their homes after the event. Further investigations are underway.

Violent outburst leads to death

The Byatarayanapura police have arrested a 45-year-old man for allegedly stabbing his brother-in-law to death during a heated altercation in Hosaguddadahalli on Sunday. The accused, identified as Vishwanath, worked as a Second Division Assistant at the Malleswaram Sub Registrar office and was reportedly suffering from a mental disorder for which he was undergoing treatment.

According to the police, Vishwanath's sister and her husband, Venkatachalapathy, had been looking after him for some time. They had even arranged for his treatment at NIMHANS and rented a house for him near their own residence. On Sunday, the couple visited him to provide him with his medication when the situation took a violent turn. Vishwanath suddenly became aggressive and attacked his sister. Venkatachalapathy intervened to protect her, but Vishwanath grabbed a knife and repeatedly stabbed him. Vishwanath is taken into custody for further investigation into the incident.

HC to hold in-camera hearings for Prajwal Revanna bail pleas

The Karnataka High Court announced on Monday that it would conduct in-camera hearings for the bail and anticipatory bail applications submitted by Prajwal Revanna, a suspended Janta Dal (S) leader facing accusations of rape and sexual assault.

Justice M Nagaprasanna, presiding over a single judge bench, stated, "This will be heard in-camera; it cannot be heard in open court. We will secure the order and do it (hear in-camera). It should not be that any person is put to ignominy at any cost." In the previous hearing of Prajwal's petitions, Special Public Prosecutor Professor Ravivarma Kumar had requested in-camera proceedings to protect the identity of the prosecutrix.

FILE PHOTO

During Monday's hearing, the HC was notified that a chargesheet against Prajwal has been submitted to the special court, and a copy was also provided to the HC. The bench declared that it would review the final report before considering the petitions.

The bail application pertains to the first case registered at the Holenarasipura police station, while anticipatory bail is sought for the case registered by the SIT in Bengaluru. Following a letter from the Karnataka State Commission for Women chief to the state government, a special investigation team (SIT) was formed to probe the case.

Prajwal is currently in judicial custody as the SIT investigates three cases registered against him. He was arrested by the SIT at the Bengaluru Airport on May 30 in connection with Crime No.107/2024, and the court had remanded him to custody the following day.

Previously, Prajwal's father, HD Revanna, was arrested on charges of kidnapping a woman but was later released on bail. His mother, Bhavani Revanna, was granted anticipatory bail by the HC in the same case. His brother, Suraj Revanna, was arrested and then released on bail in connection with a case of alleged sexual abuse of a man. **BMB**

Darshan in custody till Sept 12

A court on Monday extended the judicial custody of Kannada actor Darshan Thoogudeepa, Pavithra Gowda, and others involved in the Renukaswamy murder case until September 12. All 17 accused, including Darshan and Pavithra, appeared via video conferencing from various state prisons as their current judicial custody period expired. The police recently submitted a 3,991-page preliminary charge sheet related to the case. Darshan is currently being held at Ballari prison, having been transferred from Parappana Agrahara Central Jail following a court order.

Rejuvenated lake foams up with new problems

Vibhutipura Lake, rejuvenated a year ago, continues to have accumulated silt and plastic

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Vibhutipura Lake, which became weed and hyacinth free a year ago, has again become an eyesore due to the negligence of the BBMP Lakes Department. The residents complain that the authorities concerned failed to remove the accumulated silt and plastic waste at one of the lake's inlets.

The pathetic condition of the lake made Karnataka Lokayukta visit the water body last month and direct the BBMP Lakes Department authorities to submit a report within 20 days. The residents complain that the authorities concerned are yet to take measures to remove the accumulated silt that is preventing the flow of water from stormwater drain into the lake. "The minimum responsibility of the BBMP Lakes Department is to remove the silt and plastic at the inlet to ensure the flow of water into the lake," said an environmentalist.

Water level at Vibhutipura Lake; Accumulated silt at one of the inlets of Vibhutipura Lake

The residents of Vibhutipura, Ramesh Nagar, and Basavanagar were very happy when the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Lakes Department ensured Vibhutipura Lake free from weeds and hyacinths a year ago. However, the three crore Rupees rejuvenation project has again become a reflection of BBMP Lakes Department's inefficiency and apathy.

Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has installed a sewage treatment plant (STP) for filling the lake with treated water but the residents say that it is not functioning at full capacity. "The officials have to ensure that all sewage or wastewater enters the STP for treatment but sewage or wastewater continues to flow into the drain without entering the STP. What is the use of constructing the STP by spending crores of rupees?'' asked Satyavani Sreedhar, B.PAC Civic Leader & General Secretary of Aam Aadmi Party Women's Wing, Bengaluru. She said that the quality of treated water released into the lake is far from satisfactory. "Why foam is coming from STP water?" she asked.

Even after heavy rains, and the STP now being operational, the lake still doesn't have enough water. Biplav, a resident, said that he has been told by lake activists that water is being drained to keep water level low so that it doesn't flood the nearby encroached properties and low-lying apartments. "Water tanker mafia is also involved as more water in the lake means nearby borewells will get revived. The STP water is drained outside so that the lake water level stays low," Biplav said.

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> –Environmentalist

A resident of Shiva Shakthi Colony, on the condition of anonymity, has said that the BBMP Lakes Department engineers assured to divert the drain towards the STP but did nothing till date. "Dirty water continues to flow in the drain causing health problems for the residents. The drain and weeds have become a breeding place for mosquitoes," said the resident.

When informed to the BBMP Executive Engineer (Lakes), Bhuprada about formation of foam from the water released from the STP, she said that she has observed it. "We will check the water quality and this may be due to heavy nutrients in the sewage inflow," Bhuprada said. On the accumulated silt at the inlet of the lake, she said that it would be removed soon.

B'lureans opt for EV last-mile connectivity: Survey

For 98.1 percent of respondents from Bengaluru, EV transition of fleets by companies is 'very important' to 'somewhat important' in reducing air pollution and emissions, according to a study released by Sustainability Mobility Network (SMN) on Monday.

The study, 'Consumer Perceptions & Insights in the Last Mile Delivery Sector for the Transition to Electric Vehicles (EV)', has also concluded that more than 80 percent of respondents are willing to switch to a brand with strong emission reduction commitments.

Last-mile delivery refers to the transportation of goods from its distribution hub to the door of the customer. As of 2024, the last mile delivery sector alone is responsible for the emission of five lakh tonnes of CO_2, a greenhouse gas, into the atmosphere.

Women riders ride EV bikes on World Electric Vehicle Day at Sree Kanteerava Indoor Stadium in a 2021 file photo

In Karnataka, apart from Bengaluru, consumers from Hubli-Dharwad were also surveyed. SMN released the report in a webinar organised to commemorate World EV Day.

September 9 is observed as World EV Day, dedicated to spreading the message that electric vehicles are not just a choice but a vital component of a sustainable and promising future.

Speaking at the webinar, Rajeev Gowda, Deputy Chairperson of the State Institute for Transformation of Karnataka promised that the state government is working towards streamlining policies to ensure aggregators consciously reduce emissions.

"Credit is due to citizens being vocal about sustainability and having a responsive government. This survey is another example of how consumer demand and government action can go hand in hand to tackle important issues such as air pollution and reducing emissions due to Last Mile Delivery (LMD)," he added.

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Neglected road
Indiranagar

The road at the junction of Krishna Temple Road in Indiranagar has been in terrible condition for over five months, with no action being taken to fix it.

Littered skywalk
Benson Town

The skywalk near Quwathul Islam PU College, Byadarahalli, Benson Town, is littered every day with no cleaning being done.

Abandoned car
St. John's Church Road

An abandoned car has been left untouched for several months on St. John's Church Road, opposite Siddique Chicken.

4 years & counting: Citizens demand BBMP Council election now

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Council term ended four years ago but there is neither an assurance nor a hope to have elections to the BBMP Council in the near future. It has become a habit for major political parties to issue statements on the need of holding elections to the BBMP Council when those political parties are in Opposition. While the BJP delayed the BBMP Council elections due to internal and legal problems, Congress delayed the elections on the pretext of splitting the BBMP.

"Congress leaders vied among themselves in blaming the BJP for delaying elections to the BBMP Council. They described it as a murder of democracy. What has prevented Congress from conducting elections to the BBMP Council?" asked S Amaresh, Managing Trustee, RTI Study Centre.

Blaming the major political parties for the delay in conducting the elections to the BBMP Council, Mohan Dasari, Aam Aadmi Party State Organising Secretary, said that the delay in holding the elections to the BBMP Council has been causing a lot of inconvenience to the public who have grievances related to civic problems. "Corporators were available and accessible to the residents who to address civic issues. A common man cannot go to MLA's residence or office. I am of the opinion that MLAs, irrespective of their political affiliations, do not want elections to the BBMP Council due to obvious reasons. They want to get all the money given by contractors instead of sharing it with the corporators," said Dasari.

Former Mayor PR Ramesh said that the BJP government was supposed to hold the elections to the BBMP Council but they delayed it. "There are many challenges before the Congress government to hold the elections to the BBMP Council. I expect the state government to hold the elections," said Ramesh.

Citizens are having to visit BBMP Head Office or MLA office to get grievance redressal, which has become tedious and ineffective

Many residents want the authorities to hold the elections as they find it tough to visit the BBMP Head Office or MLA office to redress their grievances. "It has been four years. We have no local representative to address our problems. I want the authorities to hold the elections to the BBMP Council without any delay," said Mohan Kumar, a resident of Halasuru. Expressing a similar opinion, Shivaraju M, former Congress corporator who filed a petition in the Supreme Court seeking elections to the BBMP Council, said, "I am in favour of strengthening the local body to fix the civic problems without any delay. It will be better if the elections to the BBMP Council are held sooner."

BBMP plans to start giving pedestrians right of way

Plan is to remove squatters from footpaths; parked vehicles and vendors on radar

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BBMP workers busy fixing potholes on JC Road

Following pothole repairs, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is now planning to clear footpath encroachments while assessing the quality of roads. Many footpaths remain obstructed by encroachments, despite BBMP's earlier assurances that they would be cleared. The issue persists, raising concerns about the effectiveness of previous efforts to keep footpaths free from illegal occupation.

Many argue that Bengaluru is far from being a pedestrian-friendly city, with a significant lack of footpaths along most roads. Even where footpaths exist, they are often plagued by various encroachments.

"Street vendors are among the most common offenders, setting up stalls and carts that leave little to no space for pedestrians. While these vendors contribute to the informal economy, they frequently occupy entire stretches of walkways, creating obstacles. Another major issue is illegal parking, particularly of two-wheelers, which forces pedestrians to walk on the road, increasing the risk of accidents," said civic activist, Avinash Kumar.

According to to Kumar in commercial areas, shops often extend their premises onto the footpaths, using the space for displaying goods or building ramps. "Construction debris and waste from ongoing projects are also dumped on footpaths, making them unusable. Temporary structures, like sheds and kiosks, add to the problem, especially in busy marketplaces or residential areas. Utility installations, such as poles, cables, and transformers, often occupy large portions of the sidewalks, while in some places, overgrown plants and trees block footpaths due to poor maintenance. This combination of encroachments significantly hampers pedestrian accessibility, especially for vulnerable groups like children, the elderly, and people with disabilities," said Kumar.

After inspecting the pothole filling work, Snehal R, BBMP Commissioner for East Zone visited Thimmaiah Road, New Market Road, and other areas, where she ordered immediate removal of encroachments on pedestrian paths and warned that strict action would be taken to prevent further encroachments.

She claimed that potholes across the city are being filled on a war footing. She mentioned that the BBMP has been continuously filling potholes on the roads. However, complaints from citizens have highlighted the inadequate quality of work, which has led to directives for all officials to inspect roads and ensure potholes are filled properly. The East Zone includes 258.59 kilometre of arterial and sub-arterial roads and 1,394 km of ward roads, totalling 1,652.59 km of road length. She stressed that in the past year, 2,390 potholes have been filled, and complaints received through the pothole tracking software are being addressed within the given timeframe.

"At some places, utility installations, such as poles, transformers and cables occupy portions of footpaths
–Avinash Kumar, civic activist

A meeting was held on Monday with all engineers of the East Zone, and strict instructions were given to identify potholes on major and ward roads and to ensure they are filled within a week. It was also instructed that executive engineers, after filling the potholes, should provide certification of the work.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said, "As of today, 1,663 ward roads and 280 major roads have been reported for potholes through the app. There are likely many more that haven't been reported yet. We aim to address these issues by the end of this week, though new potholes may be reported in the meantime. Officials are also required to inspect the sites, and all zonal officers must oversee the pothole repair work."

IN BRIEF

Family foils 5-year-old kidnap plot

A swift response by alert parents and neighbours prevented the kidnapping of a five-year-old girl who went missing from a Ganesha pandal near her house in Chamundipura Layout, Ramanagara, on Sunday.

The incident unfolded when Santosh, the girl's father, realised that his daughter had disappeared during their visit to the pandal. Raising an alarm, he immediately called on neighbours to assist in a search for the missing child.

After an intensive search of the surrounding area, the group discovered the girl in a cement godown located about 700 metres away from the pandal. She had been bound hand and foot, with her mouth taped, and was left in a state of exhaustion, struggling to breathe.

The family alerted the police, who tracked down and arrested the suspect, identified as Darshan, a 22-year-old wall painter from the same neighbourhood. According to police, Darshan, who was addicted to drugs, had kidnapped the girl in an attempt to extort money. **BMB**

Cafe blast: NIA chargesheets 4 accused

In a significant development in the investigation of the Rameshwaram Cafe blast case, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has chargesheeted four men. The accused, Mussavir Hussain Shazib, Abdul Matheen Ahmed Taaha, Maaz Muneer Ahmed, and Muzammil Shareef, face charges under various sections of the IPC, the UA(P) Act, the Explosive Substances Act, and the PDLP Act. All four are currently in judicial custody.

The NIA probe uncovered that Shazib was responsible for planting the bomb. Shazib and Taaha had been evading capture since 2020, following the dismantling of the Al-Hind module. The NIA arrested them in West Bengal, 42 days after the blast. Shazib and Taaha, both from Shivamogga district, were identified as ISIS radicals with plans to travel to ISIS territories in Syria. **BMB**

What's democracy without freedom of assembly?

Group of campaigners writes open letter to CM reminding him of restrictions to protests

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Members of the coalitison travelled on both the purple and green line of the Metro

Members of the Horaatada Hakkigagi Janandolana (Campaign for the Right to Protest) interacted with commuters of bus and metro services on Sunday, to spread awareness regarding the order restricting the right to freedom of assembly in the city.

They spoke to citizens and collected signatures for an open letter to the Chief Minister demanding an immediate withdrawal of an order by the Police Commissioner restricting protests to Freedom Park alone. In light of the upcoming celebration of International Day of Democracy by the Karnataka government, the campaign wants to remind the Chief Minister that the celebration is incomplete without citizens having the freedom to protest and protect democracy.

"The fundamental right to freedom of assembly has been violated by the Bangalore City Police from January 2022 till date, through the Licensing and Regulation of Protests, Demonstrations and Protest Marches (Bengaluru City) Order, 2021. For over two years, the police have restricted protests in any place other than Freedom Park, and have refused permission for processions. This marks a complete change from what was previously being followed when protests were permitted across the city. More so, even in Freedom Park, the Police is arbitrarily and unconstitutionally censoring what citizens can protest for/against," the open letter reads.

Members of the coalition travelled through both the purple and green lines of the metro, speaking to commuters. They then arrived at Majestic Bus Stand in the afternoon, where they interacted with bus commuters. A total of 451 signatures were collected and conversations regarding how the Order has stifled the constitutional right to freedom of speech and expression in Bengaluru were held. Many signatories of the letter vehemently opposed the restriction saying that the chief minister must uphold the values enshrined in the Constitution.

One of them said, "People in Kolkata have taken to the streets demanding justice for the victim of the rape and murder of the doctor. That is not a Kolkata issue. That is an issue of national importance and we must all be able to stand up against such brutal crimes and injustice against women." Another who works as a driver said, "I have travelled everywhere in the country. When my employer or contractor cuts my pay,

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> –College student

I should be able to protest outside his office and demand what is rightfully mine. Bengaluru too must be freed from such restrictions." A college student said, "If there is an issue we are facing with our university, then we should be able to protest in or outside the university premise itself."

Another commuter in the metro said, "Whether it is BJP or Congress in power, they should be able to hear us speak up against them." Horaatada Hakkigagi Janandolana is a coalition of over 40 civil society groups including trade unions, workers' rights groups, gender rights organisations, farmers' groups, human rights activists and student-activists.

Take note of traffic restrictions in 2 areas

The Bengaluru Traffic Police have announced significant traffic restrictions for the Ganesha idol procession passing through KG Halli and Pulakeshinagar on September 11. The restrictions will be in effect from 12.30 pm to 1 am to ensure the smooth and safe movement of the procession.

Restricted roads

The movement of all types of vehicles will be restricted on several key roads, including Nagawara Main Road, Tannery Road, and Davis Road. Additionally, traffic will be restricted from Netaji Junction towards Tannery Road via Pottery Circle, Clark Road, Rogers Road, Armstrong Road, Hall Road, and Lazar Road. Notably, two-way traffic on Assaye Road will be converted to one-way from Sindhi Colony Junction towards War Memorial Junction.

Alternative routes

To mitigate congestion, the traffic police have provided alternative routes. Vehicles traveling towards Shivajinagar from Thanisandra Main Road are advised to take the Pulakeshinagar Traffic Police Station route via Lingarajapuram Flyover. Similarly, vehicles heading towards Thanisandra from Tannery Main Road should divert via Lingarajapuram Flyover and Outer Ring Road.

Parking restrictions

Parking has been strictly prohibited on several roads, including Nagawara Junction to Pottery Circle, Govindapura Junction to Govindapura Police Station, and key sections of MM Road, Pottery Road, and Lazar Road.

The Bengaluru Traffic Police have urged the public to cooperate. Motorists are advised to adhere to the traffic regulations and use alternative routes to ensure a smooth commute.

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Devarayanadurga Fort and other must-visit attractions

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If you are planning for a weekend trip around Bengaluru, then you can head to Tumakuru that is located a short drive away and has a number of spots with natural beauty and historical and spiritual significance. One of the most captivating historical places that visitors should not miss is the Devarayanadurga Fort. This majestic fort is believed to have been constructed in the 17th century by the Wadiyars of Mysore, one of the most prominent royal families in Karnataka's history. The fort, perched atop Devarayanadurga Hill, offers breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding landscape.

Sunset stop

Once you reach the Devarayanadurga Fort, make sure to stay for the spectacular view of the setting sun. The sunset here is an unforgettable experience, casting golden hues over the hills and valleys. The hill is surrounded by lush greenery and serves as a perfect spot for photography and relaxation.

Family favourite

Another must-visit spot is Namada

Chilume, a place steeped in mythology and natural beauty. According to local legends, this site is linked to the Ramayana. It is believed that Lord Rama once stopped here and shot an arrow into the ground to create a source of water, now known as Namada Chilume. The water from this small pond is considered sacred, and visitors often feel a sense of spirituality here. Apart from its mythological significance, Namada Chilume is famous for its well-maintained deer park, which children especially enjoy.

Trekker's paradise

For those seeking adventure, Shivaganga Hill is one of the most popular trekking destinations in Tumakuru. The hill is not only famous for its trekking trails but also holds deep religious importance for the local population. The ascent to the top of the hill is challenging yet rewarding, offering panoramic views of the surrounding countryside and a chance to visit the ancient temple perched atop the hill.

Nature and wildlife

Another gem in Tumkur is the Devarayanadurga Forest, which is perfect for nature lovers and wildlife enthusiasts. This forest covers an area of 42 sq km and is home to a diverse range of flora and fauna. With its history of preservation dating back to 1853, Devarayanadurga Forest is not only a natural paradise but also a place of ecological significance.

Suburban rail project: All things considered

First phase of suburban railway likely by Dec 2026, announce Ministers

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Despite running behind schedule, the first phase of the suburban railway projects connecting 25-route kilometre (RKM) length between Chikkabanavara to Baiyyappanahalli (Corridor-2, 25 km) and 46.88 RKM of Heelalige-Rajanukunte are slated for completion by December 2026. This announcement was made by Union Minister of State for Railways, V Somanna, and Karnataka's Minister for Infrastructure Development, MB Patil on Monday.

The first phase of the suburban railway project connects Chikkabanavara to Baiyyappanahalli

Coordinated meetings

Somanna advised officials from Bengaluru Metro, the suburban railway project, and the railways to work together rather than compete. He emphasised on the need for coordination and suggested holding joint meetings with BBMP officials to ensure seamless collaboration, preventing unnecessary delays.

Rail Coach Issues

K-RIDE had floated tenders to manufacture and supply rail coaches through a public-private partnership (PPP), but no companies participated. Responding to MB Patil's request, Somanna assured that a meeting would be held in Delhi to resolve the issue. The ministers plan to ensure rail coaches are supplied at least six months before the completion deadline in 2026, allowing for a smooth start to operations.

Project expansion

The expansion of the suburban railway project is under consideration, aiming to connect Bengaluru with neighbouring cities like Tumakuru, Mysuru, Magadi, Gauribidanur, and Kolar. Somanna confirmed that meetings would be held to plan this expansion before execution. There was also discussion on potentially connecting Corridor-1, which links Bengaluru to Yelahanka-

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> –Official

Devanahalli, directly to Kolar.

Connectivity to circular railway

The proposal to integrate the suburban railway project with Bengaluru's circular railway network was discussed. The 281-km circular railway project, costing an estimated 21,000 crore, has already received approval from the Railway Board. Connecting suburban trains to this network is expected to enhance convenience for the public.

Progress on Corridor-2 and Corridor-4

For Corridor-2 (Benniganahalli to Chikkabanavara, 25.01 km), the tender was awarded to Larsen & Toubro on August 26, 2022, at a cost of 859.97 crore. Currently, 28% of the physical work and 22% of the financial expenditure has been completed. The shifting of Signal and Telecommunication (S&T) utilities is fully done, with 75% of electrical utility relocation completed. The project is targeted for completion by June 2026. For Corridor-4 (Heelalige to Rajanukunte, 46.88 km), the civil works tender was awarded to L&T on December 30, 2023, at a cost of 1,040.51 crore, with a 30-month completion timeline. To date, 62% of the S&T utility shifting has been completed, while work on electrical connections and drainage is in progress. Construction of minor bridges has begun, with five completed and 15 more underway. The alignment and design for 32 km of the corridor have been finalised. The tender for 18 stations along this corridor has been floated, divided into two packages (C-4A and C-4B), both opening today.

Land acquisition and future plans

Land acquisition for Corridor-4 is progressing, with 115.47 acres of railway land leased. The final notification for acquiring 16 acres of private land has been issued, while the remaining 35 acres are under preliminary notification. "For Corridor-1, the revised alignment plan was submitted to South Western Railway (SBC Division) on June 26, 2024, and approval is awaited. The Sampige Line has been divided into two packages: Package 1A (Majestic to Yelahanka, 17.63 km) and Package 1B (Yelahanka to Devanahalli, 23 km). The tender for C-1A will open on October 9, 2024, while documents for C-1B are being prepared," officials said.

Rolling stock procurement

The procurement of 306 rail coaches was initially planned under a PPP model, with BEML, BHEL, and CAF qualifying during the Request for Qualification (RFQ) stage. However, no bids were received during the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, despite an extended deadline of August 22, 2024.

A proposal is now under review for rolling stock procurement through an equity mode, with a 50:50 cost-sharing arrangement between the Government of Karnataka (GoK) and the Ministry of Railways (MoR). Officials said that several tenders have been invited for various construction packages, including Corridor-2 (stations and track laying), Corridor-4 (station construction), and Corridor-1 (viaduct and station construction).

DKS case: Yatnal goes to SC

Karnataka BJP MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal recently approached the Supreme Court by filing a Special Leave Petition (criminal) seeking a CBI investigation into the disproportionate assets case against DK Shivakumar, the state Congress chief and Deputy Chief Minister. This petition comes after the Karnataka High Court dismissed Patil's plea for a CBI probe against Shivakumar last month.

The Supreme Court registered the matter on September 6, with the hearing date yet to be assigned. In his petition, the BJP MLA named the Karnataka government, the CBI, the Karnataka Police, and Shivakumar as respondents. On August 29, the Karnataka High Court dismissed petitions filed by Yatnal and the CBI challenging the Congress government's decision to withdraw consent for investigating a corruption case against Shivakumar. The court termed the petitions as "non-maintainable". The bench also dismissed the CBI's challenge to the state's November 28, 2023, decision to withdraw consent for probing Shivakumar's alleged illegal assets. **–BMB**

HC adjourns BSY petition to Sept 19

The Karnataka High Court on Monday adjourned to September 19 the hearing on a petition filed by former Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa seeking quashing of a POCSO case against him.

The court also extended its interim order restraining the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), which is probing the case, from arresting the veteran BJP leader.

"The learned counsel (for respondent CID) Ashok Naik submits that the learned senior counsel Professor Ravivarma Kumar has been appointed as the Special Public Prosecutor in the case at hand in terms of an order of the state government dated 3-09-2024. The learned counsel submits that the senior counsel would be briefed if ten days time is granted, and at the request of the counsel for the respondent list this matter on September 19," Justice M Nagaprasanna said. **–PTI**

How BBMP managed to overcome dengue in Mahadevapura

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The Mahadevapura zone, which witnessed a surge in dengue cases during July with 953 reported cases, saw a significant reduction in August, with the number dropping to 502. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), led by zonal health officers and officials, has attributed this success to continuous efforts in fogging, spraying, and preventive measures aimed at controlling mosquito breeding.

Teams from BBMP have been working round-the-clock to identify areas with stagnant water prime locations for mosquito breeding and implement measures to eliminate the risk. In addition to fogging and spraying, spot reduction measures have been employed in neighborhoods across Mahadevapura. These steps have helped curb the spread of the mosquito-borne disease.

Zonal commissioner Dakshayini K disclosed the collective effort that brought down the cases. "The house-to-house survey and awareness campaign helped in bringing down the cases," she stated. The teams conducted thorough surveys, identified locations with mosquito larvae, and educated residents about preventive measures.

Teams conducted surveys, fogging and awareness campaigns

The awareness campaign was key to the effort. "We have raised awareness from house to house about the importance of keeping water tanks and pots clean, as mosquitoes breed in stagnant water. We advised people to keep water covered and not leave it open for long periods," added Dakshayini.

In addition to residential areas, schools have also been targeted in the campaign to protect children from mosquito bites. "We emphasised on the importance of children covering their legs with high socks and pants to prevent mosquito bites. We've also encouraged the use of mosquito repellents," she said.

BBMP's efforts also included the distribution of hand pump machines to health officers to assist in localised spraying. "We have done continuous fogging and spraying, and provided hand pump machines to help protect their immediate surroundings," Dakshayini further explained.

Despite the improvements in Mahadevapura, officials urge residents to remain vigilant and continue following preventive measures, as mosquito breeding can persist during the ongoing monsoon.

With a collaborative approach from the community, officials hope to bring the numbers down even further in the coming months.

Labourer arrested for stabbing mother to death

A 30-year-old labourer was arrested by the Doddaballapura rural police on Monday for allegedly stabbing his mother to death in a fit of rage after finding her in a compromising position with another man.

The accused, identified as Gangaraju, reportedly attacked his mother, Ratnamma, after witnessing the scene at their residence. According to the police, Gangaraju, confessed to the crime during interrogation.

The police officials stated that the accused was apprehended while behaving suspiciously in the area, and a detailed inquiry led to his admission of the murder.

Ratnamma, a widow and a labourer herself, had been living with her son since the death of her husband, Venkatesh, who died in an accident two years ago. The police investigation revealed that Ratnamma had entered into a relationship with another man following her husband's demise, which Gangaraju disapproved of.

The tragic incident unfolded when Gangaraju unexpectedly returned home from work and found his mother with the man. In a fit of anger, he grabbed a knife and stabbed her, killing her on the spot.

The police also revealed that Gangaraju had expressed frustration over his mother's interference in his personal life. He claimed that Ratnamma had prevented him from marrying a girl he liked, forcing him to end the relationship.

The investigation is ongoing, and Gangaraju remains in custody pending further legal proceedings. **BMB**

After dark, fear on the streets

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her perception of safety. "Sometimes I feel okay, but other times, seeing people makes me insecure. Recently, around 10.45 pm, I was walking and talking on the phone when an auto stopped near our PG. The driver got out and sat nearby. Feeling uneasy, I moved behind the auto so he couldn't see me. But then, he moved his vehicle closer to where I was standing. I went inside the gate and sat on the steps, but he kept staring at me. I was terrified, so I went inside and watched him through the window. Only after I went inside did he finally leave. It was really frightening."

Reduced visibility, fewer people on the streets, and a potential increase in criminal activity after dark contribute to the feeling of fear. Adige also mentioned the role of street vendors and shops in enhancing safety. "More shops mean more people, which in turn increases the overall sense of security," she said.

However, she acknowledged a gap between reality and perception, noting that fear often heightens after dark, regardless of the actual environment. This fear, she explains, is a result of conditioning as the onset of darkness tends to amplify anxiety. "For example, the sight of a poorly lit bus stop can trigger fear, raising questions about the government's commitment to public safety," she said.

Activists say that the government must prioritise immediate safety measures, such as improving street lighting, enhancing proper police patrol. As per Adige, though many things are announced, the on-the-ground situation hasn't changed. "The focus should not be on changing the policy, but on effectively executing existing policies," she said.

Does nobody give a fig about green cover?

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road the trees help absorb carbon contributing to mitigating climate change," said the researchers.

The report also highlights that out of the 2,174 trees mentioned in the public notice, 102 are Ficus trees, including peepul, cluster fig, and Mysore fig. A Mysore fig of a girth of 7 metre and height of 11 metre and two Indian cork trees of a height of 13 metre are also included, apart from 25 peepul and 17 cluster figs. The girth of trees ranged from 11 cm to as wide as 7 m, while heights extended up to 13 m in the case of two Indian cork trees. The loss of these species would mean loss of the canopy and the social, and ecological impacts.

Figs are considered keystone species as they have a large impact on the surrounding environment, influencing many other organisms. If a keystone species is removed, it could lead to significant changes or even the collapse of the ecosystem, despite its relatively low abundance. The presence of fig trees helps stabilise ecosystems by providing a consistent food source to a huge variety of frugivores, such as bats, primates, birds, and insects. This, in turn, supports many ecological interactions that contribute to the overall health and balance of the ecosystem.

Additionally, figs are of sacred significance and form a part of the ashwathkattes and shrines where locals worship will contribute to loss of cultural ecosystem services.

Ecosystem loss

"As a result of the project the ecosystem services that the trees provided will be irreversibly lost. These include regulating services such as mitigating the urban heat island impact and reducing the impact of noise, air, and dust pollution on the busy roads. These trees are not only significant in terms of their ecological value but also for their social and cultural importance," says the report.

"Assuming that the trees proposed to be felled for the corridor live for at least 50 more years, the total cost of removing these trees would come to be Rs 809.815 crore

Researchers also underline that there are 32 parks adjacent to the proposed project and the construction could impact these as well.

The rapid urbanisation of Bengaluru has already led to a significant reduction in the city's green cover, with a 96 percent decrease over the last five decades.

Researchers say the proposed tree removal will further exacerbate the city's environmental and climate change challenges that will have significant impacts on the health and well-being of the city's residents.

Diminishing green cover

"Metro construction, including alignment of tracks and stations is based on pure engineering. The objective of protecting the city's green cover is not considered at the planning stage.

Our on-ground analysis of this corridor shows that minor tweaks in the orientation of the proposed station and track alignment can save a large number of valuable trees. Such consideration can save 30-50% of trees. The objective of saving as many trees as possible should be integrated at the project conception stage," said Harini Nagendra, director and professor, Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability at Azim Premji University.

City-based tree activists say BMRCL should not have finalised the alignment without considering all alternatives to save trees proposed to be felled. While the metro can be beneficial to public transport, it must ensure a judicious balance between development and the environment

"BMRCL must evaluate all options before going ahead with the corridor. A committee appointed by the Supreme Court has given a way to compute the cost of ecosystem services provided by trees.

It is calculated by multiplying the remaining age of a tree by Rs 74500. Assuming that the trees proposed to be felled for the corridor live for at least 50 more years, the total cost of removing these trees would come to be Rs 809.815 crore. Some percentage of this cost should be added to the total cost of phase 3," said Dattatreya Devare, trustee, Bangalore Environment Trust.

Experts say in the world of climate change and the increasing heat island effect, protecting as many trees as possible would be of prime importance.

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FOLLOW YOUR HEART

Heart attack & cardiac arrest: One's about plumbing, the other wiring

In July 2023, rising US basketball star Bronny James collapsed on the court during practice and was sent to hospital. The 18-year-old athlete, son of famous LA Lakers' veteran LeBron James, had experienced a cardiac arrest.

Many media outlets incorrectly referred to the event as a "heart attack" or used the terms interchangeably.

A cardiac arrest and a heart attack are distinct yet overlapping concepts associated with the heart.

With some background in how the heart works, we can see how they differ and how they're related.

Understanding the heart

The heart is a muscle that contracts to work as a pump. When it contracts it pushes blood – containing oxygen and nutrients – to all the tissues of our body.

For the heart muscle to work effectively as a pump, it needs to be fed its own blood supply, delivered by the coronary arteries. If these arteries are blocked, the heart muscle doesn't get the blood it needs.

This can cause the heart muscle to become injured or die, and results in the heart not pumping properly.

Heart attack or cardiac arrest?

Simply put, a heart attack, technically known as a myocardial infarction, describes injury to, or death of, the heart muscle.

A cardiac arrest, sometimes called a sudden cardiac arrest, is when the heart stops beating, or put another way, stops working as an effective pump.

In other words, both relate to the heart not working as it should, but for different reasons. As we'll see later, one can lead to the other.

Why do they happen? Who's at risk?

Heart attacks typically result from blockages in the coronary arteries. Sometimes this is called coronary artery disease, but in Australia, we tend to refer to it as ischaemic heart disease.

The underlying cause in about 75 per cent of people is a process called atherosclerosis. This is where fatty and fibrous tissue build up in the walls of the coronary arteries, forming a plaque. The plaque can block the blood vessel or, in some instances, lead to the formation of a blood clot.

Atherosclerosis is a long-term, stealthy process, with a number of risk factors that can sneak up on anyone. High blood pressure, high cholesterol, diet, diabetes, stress, and your genes have all been implicated in this plaque-building process.

Other causes of heart attacks include spasms of the coronary arteries (causing them to constrict), chest trauma, or anything else that reduces blood flow to the heart muscle.

Regardless of the cause, blocking or reducing the flow of blood through these pipes can result in the heart muscle not receiving enough oxygen and nutrients. So cells in the heart muscle can be injured or die.

But a cardiac arrest is the result of heartbeat irregularities, making it harder for the heart to pump blood effectively around the body. These heartbeat irregularities are generally due to electrical malfunctions in the heart. There are four distinct types:

- **ventricular tachycardia:** a rapid and abnormal heart rhythm in which the heartbeat is more than 100 beats per minute (normal adult, resting heart rate is generally 60-90 beats per minute). This fast heart rate prevents the heart from filling with blood and thus pumping adequately
- **ventricular fibrillation:** instead of regular beats, the heart quivers or "fibrillates", resembling a bag of worms, resulting in an irregular heartbeat greater than 300 beats per minute
- **pulseless electrical activity:** arises when the heart muscle fails to generate sufficient pumping force after electrical stimulation, resulting in no pulse
- **systole:** the classic flat-line heart rhythm you see in movies, indicating no electrical activity in the heart.

Cardiac arrest can arise from numerous underlying conditions, both heart-related and not, such as drowning, trauma, asphyxia, electrical shock and drug overdose. James' cardiac arrest was attributed to a congenital heart defect, a heart condition he was born with.

But among the many causes of a cardiac arrest, ischaemic heart disease, such as a heart attack, stands out as the most common cause, accounting for 70 per cent of all cases.

So how can a heart attack cause a cardiac arrest? You'll remember that during a heart attack, heart muscle can be damaged or parts of it may die. This damaged or dead tissue can disrupt the heart's ability to conduct electrical signals, increasing the risk of developing arrhythmias, possibly causing a cardiac arrest.

So while a heart attack is a common cause of cardiac arrest, a cardiac arrest generally does not cause a heart attack.

What do they look like?

Because a cardiac arrest results in the sudden loss of effective heart pumping, the most common signs and symptoms are a sudden loss of consciousness, absence of pulse or heartbeat, stopping of breathing, and pale or blue-tinged skin.

But the common signs and symptoms of a heart attack include chest pain or discomfort, which can show up in other regions of the body such as the arms, back, neck, jaw, or stomach. Also frequent are shortness of breath, nausea, light-headedness, looking pale, and sweating.

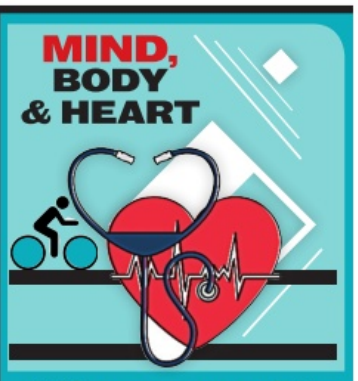
What's the take-home message?

While both heart attack and cardiac arrest are disorders related to the heart, they differ in their mechanisms and outcomes.

A heart attack is like a blockage in the plumbing supplying water to a house. But a cardiac arrest is like an electrical malfunction in the house's wiring.

Despite their different nature both conditions can have severe consequences and require immediate medical attention.

(By Michael Todorovic, Bond University & Matthew Barton, Griffith University, The Conversation)



All you need to know about...

Night owls & diabetes

Bigger risk
Night owls -- a person who is habitually active or wakeful at night -- tend to have a higher body mass index (BMI), larger waists, and more hidden body fat and thus are almost 50 per cent more likely to develop type 2 diabetes (T2D) than those who go to bed earlier, shows new research on Monday.

Unhealthy lifestyle
Previous studies have indicated that late chronotype -- people who prefer to go to bed late and wake up late -- live an unhealthy lifestyle, and are at higher risk of obesity and metabolic disorders including type 2 diabetes. The new study showed that a late chronotype had a 46 per cent higher risk of developing diabetes, which suggests that the increased risk of T2D can't be explained by lifestyle alone.

Circadian rhythm
"We believe that other mechanisms are also at play," said lead researcher Dr. Jeroen van der Velde, from Leiden University Medical Centre, in the Netherlands.
"A likely explanation is that the circadian rhythm or body clock in late chronotypes is out of sync with the work and social schedules followed by society. This can lead to circadian misalignment, which we know can lead to metabolic disturbances and ultimately type 2 diabetes," van der Velde added.

To explore, the team studied the association between sleep timing, diabetes, and body fat distribution in more than 5,000 individuals who were divided into three groups: early chronotype (20 per cent), late chronotype (20 per cent), and intermediate chronotype (60 per cent). About 225 were diagnosed with diabetes after a follow-up of 6.6 years. Late chronotypes were found to be at higher risk of developing diabetes.

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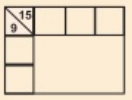
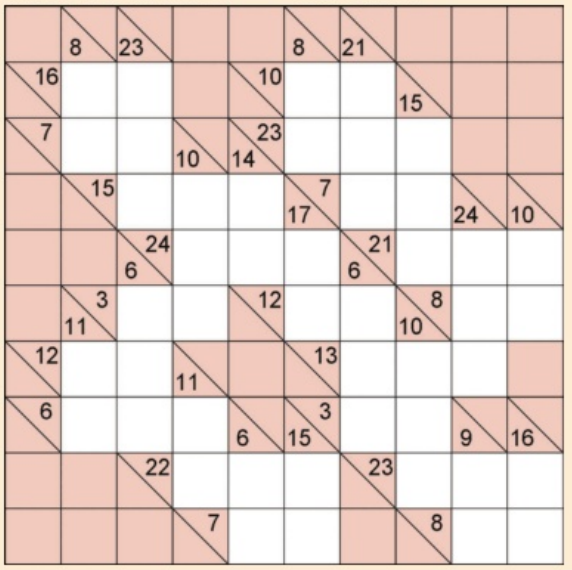
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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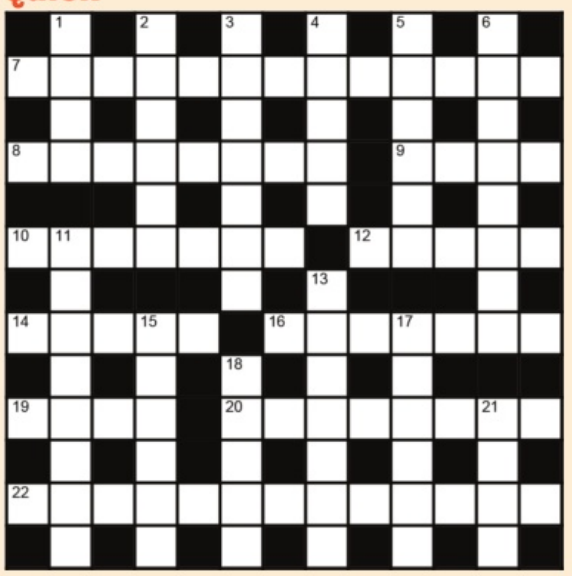


ACROSS

7 Boosting (13)
8 Small piece (8)
9 Russian sea (4)
10 Astounded or stupefied (7)
12 Jeans fabric (5)
14 Physical strength (5)
16 Takes place (7)
19 Applications (4)
20 Left without attention or minder (8)
22 Decorative adornment (13)

DOWN

1 Arabian prince (4)
2 Catchword or motto (6)
3 Presented (7)
4 Very severe (5)
5 Bombard heavily (6)
6 Contribution to a cause (8)
11 Tedious (8)
13 Daydream (7)
15 Cleanses (6)
17 Great American canal (6)
18 Bengaluru ___ : Our Pro Kabaddi league side (5)
21 Long time periods (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: V EQUALS G

WNGA WJUA WR TAKJDAFNWA, DLW ECAH WCA WJUA QRF NZWJRH CNP NFFJBAT, PWRO WCJHGJHV NHT VR JH.

Linemaro

Last night I was reading the book of numbers and then I realised I didn't have yours

Mindchow

It's not easy taking my problems one at a time when they refuse to get in line

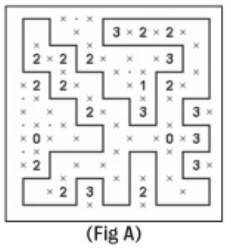
Joke of the day

Just decided to run a marathon for charity. At first I didn't want to do it, but apparently it's for blind and disabled kids, so I think I've got a good chance of winning

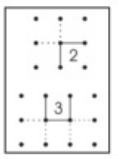
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

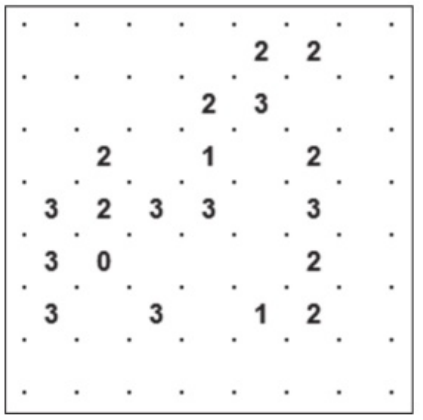


(Fig B) Not Allowed

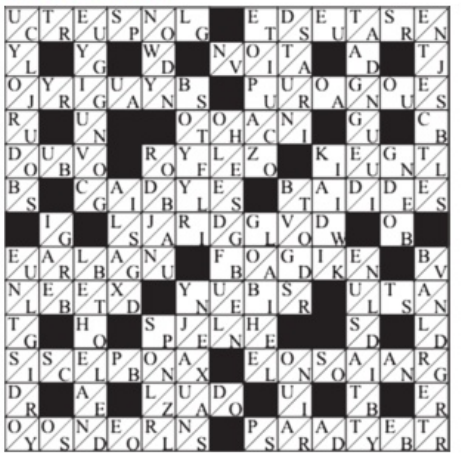
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



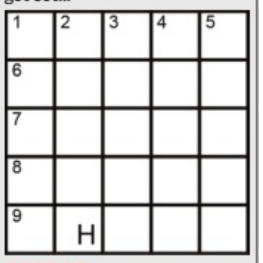
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Sabah; 6 Ups my;
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DOWN

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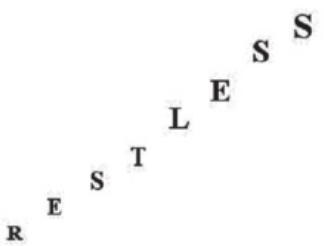
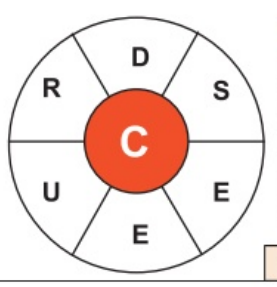
5 Sophy

Mensapuzzle

Solve this dingbat:



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

16 Average; 18 Good; 20 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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		5			4			
	2						9	
			7			3		
	8			4			2	6
9			2	5	1			
4						7		9

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 19

1 5 5 9

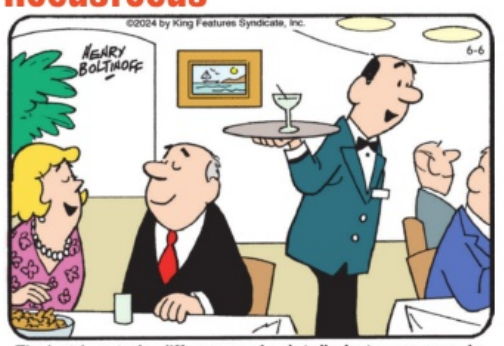
Medium = 48

5 5 6 8

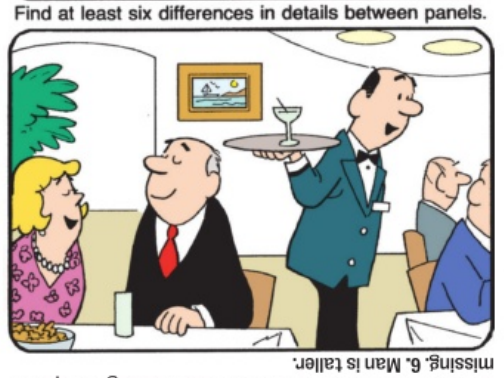
Hard = 2

2 5 5 4

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Button is moved. 2. Glass is taller. 3. Man's head is tilted. 4. Woman's hand is not showing. 5. Lapel is missing. 6. Man is taller.

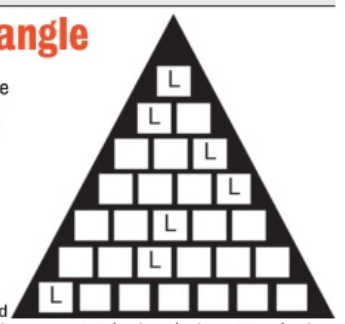
Riddler

Below are two clues for words that are homophones of each other. For example, "Number after one...Also" would result in "Two...Too". Can you get all of the words?

1. Tiny Spider...Not sure if I will or not
2. Made the gun more accurate...Quoted
3. Container...Light
4. Head organ...Yes

Alpha triangle

1 XXV + XXV
2 51 in ancient Rome
3 Lubricate
4 Wind into spirals
5 Abdominal pain
6 Cotton cloth
7 Terse



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye

EVERY LI'L KID SHOULD GO TO SCHOOL!
ONO THE FIRST CLOSED THE SCHOOLS!
YA NEEDS SCHOOL OR YOU'LL GROW UP KNOWIN' NOTHIN'!
OUR COMPUTER KING KNOWS EVERYTHING.... HIS SHEEP DON'T HAVE TO KNOW ANYTHING!
12-15

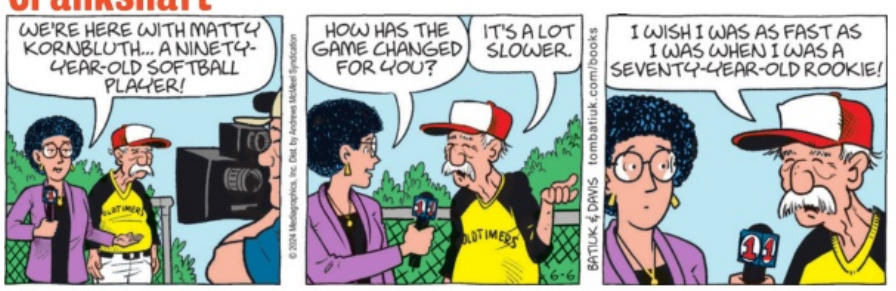
Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

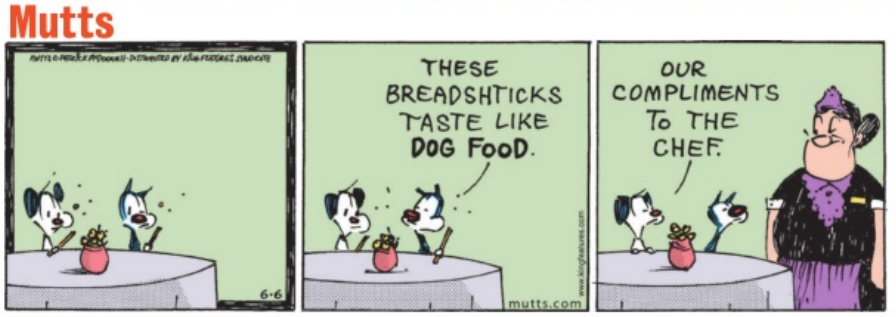
Hart of the city

GREAT JOB AT THE DEBATE, BRENT!
THANKS, COREY!
COREY'S JUST BEING NICE. I TOTALLY BLEW IT AT THE DEBATE.
NERDS AREN'T KNOWN FOR THEIR ORATORICAL SKILLS. YOU'VE GOT THE COMMUNITY BEHIND YOU!
THEN WHY DOES TREVOR ALREADY HAVE SO MANY VOTES?
HUMM... THAT IS VERY SUSPICIOUS.

Crankshaft


WE'RE HERE WITH MATTY KORNBLUTH... A NINETY-YEAR-OLD SOFTBALL PLAYER!
HOW HAS THE GAME CHANGED FOR YOU?
IT'S A LOT SLOWER.
I WISH I WAS AS FAST AS I WAS WHEN I WAS A SEVENTY-YEAR-OLD ROOKIE!

Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today your willpower may help you start some new innovations on the work front. You may likely get a big order in your parental business, which will increase growth in the business in the near future. New responsibilities in your job may make you busy. Jobseekers might get a good job. Understanding with the spouse may be improved, which can maintain harmony in the family life.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may face health issues, which may make you impatient. You may spend your hard-earned money buying worthless stuff. You are advised to control your short-tempered nature. Love birds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics otherwise there might be some break ups.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may meet some influential person, who may help you in the progress of your work. Your network will be strong with the help of that person. You may prepare yourself to implement new ideas into your work or business. You will plan to invest more capital into your business, that may give you financial gains in the near future. In terms of domestic life, you will be busy with family.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today your mothers' health may be good. You may enjoy at work, you may get rewards for your hard work. Your social respect may increase now. Overworking your mind may make you tired. Due to workload, you may not be able to reach some family events.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be satisfied at work. You may plan for a short work-related trip. You may also visit some religious places to maintain your inner peace. Your gurus may show you the right path, which may give you clarity regarding your goals.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may feel dull, it is advised to keep your mind cool, it's a golden rule for you to think twice before any act. You may travel to recover your money, otherwise you may lose your money. You are also advised to avoid going on adventure tours. Students are advised to go for in-depth studies to get success.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may feel good, domestic harmony may make you happy. You may meet some influential person to get some benefits on the work front. You may likely perform good at your job, you may expect some rewards in terms of promotions. Disputes in inherited property may likely settle down.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may be healthy, you may be able to focus on your goals. Your performance may be very good at work, your boss may be happy with you, and you may get some important responsibilities at work. You may hear good news in any legal matter. You are likely to have control over your opponents and business rivals.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may prefer gaining knowledge, you may understand the value of intellectual assets. Sometimes you may control your short-temperedness, which may help you perform your task smoothly. There may be some chances for smooth earning, which may give you comfort in the workflow. You are advised to be careful before making new investments in assets.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may feel negativity around you. You may find your responsibilities as a burden. You may be in a hurry to complete the task given to you. You may make silly mistakes. Your working efficiency may slow down, which may affect your day-to-day work. Your projects may likely be delayed, it affects your professional life.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may be enthusiastic and you may be more focussed, which may speed up your postponed projects. Your subordinates may help you start a new project, which may give you profit in the near future. You may expect some short trips related to your family issues. Job seekers may hear good news in terms of a job.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may be able to control your expenditure on worthless things, which may increase your savings. You may be more creative today, you may use your creativity in your office or at home, which may enhance your social status. Love birds may likely get some support from their family members for marriage-related decisions. Students may hear good news in terms of academics.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
56×8'-1×[(0.25)-2]1/2
=56×1/8×(1/.25×1/.25)1/2
=7×(16)1/2
=7×4
=28

RIDDLER
1. Mite...Might,
2. Sighted...Cited,
3. Pail...pale &
4. Eye...Aye

STRIKE OUT

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FAST FIVE

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QUOTE UNCODE
Take time to deliberate, but when the time for action has arrived, stop thinking and go in.

QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
growing restless

BULL'S EYE
cede, creed, crud, crude, cued, curd, cure, cured, curse, cursed, deuce, ecru, educe, reduce, rescue, RESCUED, secure, SECURED, seduce, SEDUCER

SUDOKU

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9	7	6	2	5	1	8	4	3
4	5	2	8	3	6	7	1	9

ALPHA TRIANGLE
L, Ll, Oil, Coil, Colic, Calico, laconic.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 + 5 + 9 × 1 = 19
Medium
6 × 5 / 5 x 8 = 48
Hard
4 + 5 - 5 / 2 = 2

LOOP

KAKURO

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 # Of darker times
Angelina Jolie talks about her film 'Maria', says it is about "darker times" of great opera singer

SOCIAL MEDIA BUZZ

Too much of it affects works negatively, says Malavika

Actress Malavika Mohanan, who has been getting a good response to her work in the recently released Hindi version of her movie 'Thangalaan', has shared that she likes to stay away from social media and cut down on her screen time during shoots as much as possible.

The actress said that spending too much time on social media affects her work negatively.

She told IANS, "Too much scrolling on my phone dumbs me down (laughs). I can see it affecting my work in the sense my mind struggles to be present in a scene on days when I spend too much time on social media".

The actress said that the brain fog kicks in because of social media, technology usage or screen exposure which she recognised over the past year. She further mentioned, "When I'm filming, I try to stay away from phones as much as possible, even if you are getting bored, it's okay, get bored but it will allow you to focus on your work".

When asked if social media is an occupational hazard for actors given that they are required to put content on social media for fan engagements, she said, "It is a very catch 22 situation, an actor can't stay away from social media in these times but balance is the key".

In' Thangalaan', the actress shares the screen with Vikram, and essays the character of a local deity Aarathi, who protects the Kolar Gold Fields from foreign invasion. The film has been directed by the acclaimed director Pa. Ranjith, who is known for 'Kabali', 'Kaala' and 'Sarpatta Parambarai'. —IANS

Lady in red

Bollywood diva Kareena Kapoor Khan looked every-inch regal dressed in a fiery red Indian wear as she stepped out for Ganapati celebrations.

Kareena took to Instagram, where she shared a slew of images, including a picture with her actor husband Saif Ali Khan. The actress wore a fiery red salwar suit with gold drizzles by couturier Sabyasachi.

She completed her look with chunky chandelier earrings and subtle make-up with smokey eyes. Saif channeled his inner Bengali spirit as he chose to wear a maroon silk kurta paired with a dhoti.

The diva chose to just drop a heart emoji for the caption. Recently, Kareena revealed that a "hot bag" rescued her from shooting in "every weather."

Kareena took to Instagram, where she shared

three photographs from the sets of her upcoming film "The Buckingham Murders."

In the images, Kareena is wearing a thick bomber jacket with her arms wrapped around. —IANS

Sabyasachi sparkle

Hollywood stars like Jennifer Lopez and Rihanna were spotted wearing designs by popular couturier Sabyasachi Mukherjee at separate events recently.

The designer's brand page on Instagram shared the pictures of the two fashion icons on Sunday night.

While Lopez attended the Toronto International Film

Festival 2024 Golden Globes Party in the jewellery by Sabyasachi, Rihanna was photographed wearing the accessories as she was out and about.

"Jennifer Lopez wears earrings, cuff and ring from Sabyasachi High Jewellery for the Toronto International Film Festival 2024 Golden Globes Party..." "Rihanna wears a multi-layered Constantinople Necklace from Sabyasachi High Jewellery.." the post read,

It's not the first time Rihanna opted for Sabyasachi accessories. —PTI

Toned it down

Bollywood actor Tiger Shroff on Monday has set the internet on fire by sharing a video of himself, flaunting his toned physique.

Tiger, who has 39.8 million followers on Instagram, shared a Reel video, in which we can see him only wearing orange coloured joggers.

He is running and showing off his well-sculpted back and biceps. As he turns his face towards the camera, we get a look of his washboard abs and triceps.

The video is captioned with a sun and Tiger emoji. It has garnered 967K followers, with his mother Ayesha Shroff dropping red heart emojis in the comment section. Fans showered love on the youngest action hero in the Hindi film industry and wrote: "Natural...inspiration", "Biscuit", "Khatarnak body", "aesthetic", and "perfection".

Tiger is the son of actor Jackie Shroff and Ayesha, He has a younger sister named Krishna Shroff.

On the work front, Tiger made his acting debut in 2012, with Sabbir Khan's action romantic comedy 'Heropanti'. Produced by Sajid Nadiadwala, the film features Kriti Sanon in the lead. —IANS

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Unique title

Sandalwood is not new to peculiarly titled films. One more movie joins this list -- Shooting began for Chakna (meaning offal) at Gori Palya near Jagajeevanram Nagar in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

Chakna is being bankrolled by Vimala under the RR Combines banner while K Palani, who helmed five Tamil movies and played the villain in Janaka, is handling the megaphone.

The first look and teaser of the movie was unveiled by Priya Hassan. "We have to highlight positive issues in the movie to have a positive impact on the audiences. I congratulate director Palani for selecting a good script and giving newcomers a chance to act in the movie," said Priya.

According to Palani, the movie's script is based on a real incident that took place in Pondicherry six months ago. "The movie is about what happens when four notorious people gather at one place. The specialty of this movie is that no dupe will be used in action scenes. The actors will not wear makeup and we have decided not to use graphics also. I will discuss with Dragon Manju to play a key role," said Palani.

On survey numbers

Shivakumar M Shettihalli from Periyapatna, who worked as associate for directors H Vasu and K Raghava, debuts as a director in Sandalwood with Survey No 45. The movie's muhurat function was held at Sri Bandi Mahakali Temple recently.

Vasu sounded the clapboard while Kannada Film Producers' Association president Umesh Banakar switched on the camera. MLC TA Sharavana graced the function. Apart from directing the movie, Shivakumar has written its script, screenplay, dialogues and lyrics.

Survey No. 45 is about how important the survey number of the agricultural land is for farmers and how much trouble they face to get this number from the revenue department. "Survey No. 45 has a message to farmers. It stresses on how farmers can solve their problems. I wrote the script for this movie based on real incidents," said Shivakumar.

The director said that he wanted to tell the audiences through this movie that good prevails over evil. "If we wish good things to others, good things come back to us. If we wish bad things to others, bad things come back to us," he said.

The movie features Santosh, Riya Bhaskar, Muni, Jagadeesh Koppa, Sanjay Patil and others.